

What you can do to help

- ◆ Community members have an important role in protecting children from abuse and neglect.
- ◆ Fear of involvement has resulted in violent family tragedies in which the neighbors reported that they knew what was going on but declined to get involved.
- ◆ Involvement does not mean physical intervention or snooping on your neighbor; it simply means not ignoring the obvious.
- ◆ If maltreatment of a child abuse is suspected, a report should be made so that a qualified and experienced person can investigate the situation.
- ◆ To report suspected child abuse, contact: the police or county sheriff. The county children's protective services 24-hour emergency response phone.

